

Appln. No. 09/150,947
Amdt. dated October 20, 2006
Reply to Office action of September 20, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please substitute attached Figures for the corresponding figures of record. Fig. 12A replaces originally filed Fig. 12; the sheet containing Figs. 15B and 12B replaces the originally filed sheet containing Figs. 15B and 12B; the sheet containing Fig. 15A replaces the originally filed sheet containing Fig. 15A; the sheet containing Figs. 17 and 16 replaces the originally filed sheet containing Figs. 17 and 16; the sheet containing Fig. 18 replaces the originally filed sheet containing Fig. 18; and the sheet containing Fig. 19 replaces the originally filed sheet containing Fig. 19.

Attachment: six (6) Replacement Sheets

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REMARKS

Attached to the amendment of September 14, 1999, was a "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review." This notice objected to certain of the figures, because the figure legends were poor for Figs. 12B, 15A, 15B, 17 and 16, and because Fig. 12A was missing. Furthermore, on September 20, 2006, a "Notice of Drawing Inconsistency with Specification" was issued stating that Fig. 12A was listed in the brief description of the drawings in the specification but not contained in the drawings and Fig. 12 was contained in the drawings but not listed in the brief description of the drawings in the specification.

So as to correct all of the drawings and to obviate both of these notices, six (6) substitute sheets are submitted herewith. Originally filed Fig. 12, has been amended so that its legend now reads Fig. 12A. This is now consistent with the specification. Furthermore, the legend numbers for Figs. 12B, 15B, 15A, 16, 17, 18 and 19 have now been redrawn so that the numbers are no longer poor. The missing Fig. 12A, as referred to in the September 14, 1999 notice, has also been corrected, as noted above.

Accordingly, the present drawings should now be in condition for issuance as all objections thereto have now been overcome.

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An RCE has been submitted on even date herewith, as it was noticed that the references of the International Search Report (except for one) had inadvertently failed to have been cited of record in this case. Accordingly, an information disclosure statement accompanies this paper to make these documents of record.

Prompt consideration of these documents and reissuance of a notice of allowance as quickly as possible are earnestly solicited.

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